



Nevada GEAR UP Program – Year Four

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Tonopah High School Abstract 2004-05

The Tonopah High School GEAR UP Program will serve 47 tenth-graders including the original cohort from the Esmeralda School District. The program provides after school tutorial assistance, student field trip visits to post-secondary institutions, student incentive community service projects and parent involvement.

The mission of the Tonopah High School GEAR UP Program is to improve student academic achievement, increase high school proficiency test scores, reduce the dropout rate, increase high school graduation rates, and better prepare students for post-secondary education.

During school year 2004-05, Gear Up students will take field trips to UNLV, CCSN, UNR, NSC, a career fair and summer camp. Jim Anderson will guide student activities in planning and completing community service projects.

Esmeralda students are from Nevada's smallest school district with three elementary schools, a total student population of 83 and a staff of 7 teachers. In order to overcome these limited resources this cohort group of 7 students have matriculated into Tonopah High School for grades 9-12, where they join Tonopah High School's general ninth-grade population of 40 students.

The home of these 7 students is a sparsely populated mining and farming area in the mountains near the California border, 74 miles southwest of Tonopah. Tonopah is a boom and bust mining community whose early fortunes relied on silver. This community is midway between Las Vegas and Reno with a total population 3,616, comprised of 1,713 families.